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CONTINUING SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION BLUE SPRINGS 5157 OF 6 JULY 1966 REVEALS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED RAIL SPUR AND WATER-TO-RAIL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT 3 NM WNW OF HAI DUONG, NORTH VIETNAM. A RAIL SPUR EXTENDS NNE FROM A 3 TRACK RAIL YARD ON THE HA NOI/ HAI PHONG RAIL LINE AT 2056N 10616E (UTM XJ328162) FOLLOWING THE ALIGNMENT OF A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING ROAD TO 2057N 10617E (UTM XJ337181). AT THIS POINT THE RAIL SPUR FORMS A TURNING WYE AND THEN CONTINUES GENERALLY SOUTHEASTWARD ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BANK OF THE SONG THAI BINH (RIVER) THRU A TWO TRACK RAIL YARD TO ITS TERMINUS AT UTM XJ342177. A SHORT BY-PASS SPUR IS U/C CONNECTING THE RAIL YARD TO THE MAIN SPUR BY-PASSING THE TURNING WYE. TEN PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK ARE EVIDENT IN THE RAIL YARD AND AT LEAST 28 PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE RAIL SPUR FROM UTM'S XJ330166 TO NO STORAGE FACILITIES ARE NOTED BETWEEN THE RIVER XJ337163. AND THE RAIL SPUR WHICH INDICATES DIRECT TRANSSHIPMENT BETWEEN BOAT AND RAIL. NINE SMALL RIVER BARGES/LIGHTERS ARE MOORED ALONG THE ADJACENT RIVER BANK (BB).

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